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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT TOURE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER DATED JULY 10 FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE. TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE READ WITH INTEREST YOUR LETTERS OF APRIL 21 AND MAY 10 DESCRIBING THE EFFORTS YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY ARE MAKING TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AS GUINEA STRIVES TO ACHIEVE SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THE PRODUCTION OF FOOD.

WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE PRESENT FOOD SHORTAGES YOU ARE EXPERIENCING AND ARE PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU WHERE WE CAN. WE WILL CAREFULLY EXAMINE YOUR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE 1976 FOOD FOR PEACE PROGRAM AND WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRY TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO YOUR NEEDS.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS HONORED TO RECEIVE DELEGATIONS FROM GUINEA AS WE SEEK TO IMPROVE FURTHER THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. WE APPRECIATE THE KIND WORDS WITH WHICH MINISTER DRAME RECENTLY DESCRIBED OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.

MAY I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND TO YOU OUR NEW AMBASSADOR TO THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA, WILLIAM C. HARROP, WHO HAS JUST ARRIVED IN CONAKRY TO ASSUME HIS NEW DUTIES. MR. HARROP IS A DISTINGUISHED CAREER DIPLOMAT IN WHOM I PLACE THE HIGHEST PERSONAL CONFIDENCE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD.

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